

WYCOMBE WANDERERS

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That's the Blues' last game of the season

THE Rothmans Isthmian League championship, which is currently being fought out between three clubs, could well be decided on the last Saturday of the season when champions Wycombe Wanderers entertain Dagenham at Loakes Park on May 17.

This will be Wycombe's last game of the term while Dagenham have one more after that — away to Tooting and Mitcham on the following Tuesday, May 20.

The other long awaited matches — the Blues fixtures with Enfield — have also been fixed. The first is on Easter Saturday, March 29, when the teams meet at Loakes Park and the return will be staged on Tuesday, April 8, at Southbury Road.

All the fixtures have now been finalised and although some could be changed because of cup competitions. Dagenham although knocked out of the F.A. Trophy recently by Burton, are still in the London Senior and the Essex Senior Cups. Indeed, the Daggers played in the London Senior Cup on Saturday and did their fixture situation no good at all by drawing at Wimbledon.

Enfield, too, are in the L.S.C. and also the Middlesex Senior Cup. Wycombe have only one other cup match this season — the Berks and Bucks Senior Cup final against Thatcham on Easter Monday at Chesham.

Here's a list of the three clubs' remaining fixtures:

Looking at these final matches, Wanderers look extremely well placed. They have six matches left at home and only seven away while the two other clubs have more away matches to complete.

Dagenham have only five games at home and no less than 10 away, while Enfield will play four more at Southbury Road and nine away. Obviously the match between these two clubs on Tuesday, March 25, will be crucial.

Apart from the Enfield game, Wanderers should have a good chance of maximum points in their other away matches, although Tooting, Walthamstow and Stortford could pose problems. The Blues could have a tougher programme at home where they must meet Enfield, Stortford, Dulwich and Dagenham.

Dagenham must be worried about their visits to Leatherhead, Enfield, Tooting and Sutton, while Leatherhead and Hitchin will be no pushovers at home. Enfield, meanwhile, have to visit Wycombe, Sutton, Slough and Walthamstow amongst others and have three difficult home matches against Wycombe, Dagenham and Leatherhead.

All this adds up to one of the most exciting finishes to the league programme for a long time and with all three clubs in contention for the title, they must know that any slip-up at this stage could be crucial.

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Saturday, March 22: away to Leytonstone; Saturday, March 29: home to Enfield; Saturday, April 5: home to Bishop's Stortford; Tuesday, April 8: away to Enfield; Saturday, April 12: away to Bromley; Tuesday, April 15: home to Dulwich Hamlet; Saturday, April 19: home to Barking; Tuesday, April 22: away to Walton and Hersham; Friday, April 25: away to Walthamstow Avenue; Tuesday, April 29: home to Bromley; Saturday, May 3: away to Bishop's Stortford; Saturday, May 10: away to Tooting and Mitcham; Saturday, May 17: home to Dagenham.

ENFIELD

Tuesday, March 18: away to Walthamstow; Tuesday, March 25: home to Dagenham; Saturday, March 29: away to Wycombe; Monday, March 31: away to Hendon; Saturday, April 5: away to Kingstonian; Tuesday, April 8: home to Wycombe; Saturday, April 12: away to Woking; Tuesday, April 15: away to Slough; Saturday, April 19: home to Leatherhead; Tuesday, April 22: away to Hitchin; Friday, April 25: away to Oxford; Tuesday, April 29: home to Slough; Saturday, May 3: away to Sutton.

DAGENHAM

Tuesday, March 18: away to Hendon; Tuesday, March 25: away to Enfield; Monday, March 31: away to Oxford; Saturday, April 5: home to Hayes; Monday, April 7: home to Walthamstow; Saturday, April 12: away to Hayes; Tuesday, April 15: away to Sutton; Tuesday, April 22: away to Walthamstow; Friday, April 25: home to Leatherhead; Tuesday, April 29: away to Barking; Saturday, May 3: home to Oxford; Tuesday, May 6: away to Leatherhead; Monday, May 12: home to Hitchin; Saturday, May 17: away to Wycombe; Tuesday, May 20: away to Tooting.